

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2008. The Office Action is a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement.

However, the Office Action only considers Claims 1-23. Applicants submitted, when the application was filed, a Preliminary Amendment. The Preliminary Amendment amended Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-14, 17-19, and 21-22. Additionally, Claims 24-44 were added. For the convenience of the Patent Office, a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed as well as the stamped return receipt postcard indicating it was submitted with the filing of the application and received by the Patent Office. The newly-added claims were not considered by the Office Action. Applicants also believe that the claims as amended were not considered by the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the instant Office Action and submit a new Office Action considering the claims as they are currently pending and indeed were pending when the application was filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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